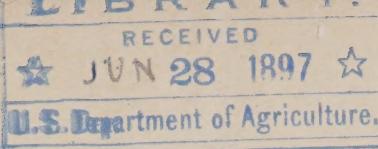


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INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION IN HOLLAND.

The Secretary of Agriculture is in receipt, through the Department of State, of a programme for a national and international exposition to be held at The Hague, Holland, from the 18th to the 26th of September, 1897, to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the Dutch Society of Agriculture. International competition is invited in the horse classes, poultry, agricultural machinery and tools, dairy products, the section of horticulture, and other lines in which the people of the United States are especially interested. Applicants must submit descriptive lists of their proposed exhibits to the Secretary of the Society, Mr. P. L. F. Woldeck, Loosduinen, Holland, before August 1, accompanying the lists, in the case of horses and poultry, with a fee of one florin for each stallion to be exhibited, and one florin per head for other horses, with or without foal, and for each exhibit of poultry a fee of a half florin.

Secretary Wilson gives publicity to this matter by special request of the minister of the Netherlands at Washington.

DOGS MAY NOT LAND IN GREAT BRITAIN WITHOUT A LICENSE.

The Secretary of Agriculture is in receipt, through the British ambassador and the State Department, of a copy of the Importation of Dogs Order of 1897, issued last month by the British Board of Agriculture, under the Diseases of Animals Act of 1894 and 1896. The order in question provides that from and after September 15, 1897, dogs from any other country shall not be landed in Great Britain without a license obtained previous to the landing. Applications for licenses must be made to the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, 4 Whitehall Place, London, S. W. Applications must be accompanied by a statement signed by the owner of the dog, or by his agent authorized in writing for this purpose, containing information as to the country from which it is proposed to bring the dog, the port where it is proposed to be landed, the place to which it will be taken after being landed for the purpose of undergoing such detention and isolation as the board may require, and the route by which it will be moved to such place. The statement must also contain a full description of the dog, stating, so far as possible for its identification, particulars of its age, sex, and color. The order provides that the board may, in granting a license to land a dog, impose conditions prescribing and regulating the detention and isolation of the dog by and at the expense of its owner, at a place to be provided by the owner and to be described in the license, or for the regulation of the movement of the dog to this place of detention.

Local authorities are everywhere earnestly invited to assist the board by making this order as widely known as possible, and ship owners are invited to co-operate in this matter, by instructing masters of vessels to warn passengers, in order to prevent as far as possible the shipment of dogs the owners of which may not have obtained the necessary license.

